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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement was submitted for the captioned application on September 6, 2001.

A PCT International Search Report for an application that corresponds to the above-captioned U.S. application was mailed on September 5, 2001. The Search Report cited references that were not included in the previously submitted Information Disclosure

Statement. The references are listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449. A copy of each reference is provided for review by the Examiner.

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Applicant does not believe a fee is required for consideration of the enclosed references since they are submitted within three months of the mailing date of the first citation of these references in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorize to charge such a fee, with reference to our matter number 7175-67882, to our Deposit Account No. 10-0435.

Respectfully submitted,  
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